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California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Re: SEMPRA Communications Draft Program EIR  
Application No. 00-0-020

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above referenced Draft EIR Program. Based on the City of Corona's review of the draft EIR, it is apparent that the Program EIR is very broad and will require subsequent applications and approvals to complete the construction evaluation.

We appreciate the mitigation measures which require the project to comply with all local ordinances, regulations, and plans. While most of our concerns following the review of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) have been addressed, we want to restate the following comments specific to the City of Corona:

1. The City is in the process of developing a Telecommunications Master Plan. Any plans of SEMPRA should be consistent with the provisions of the plan, including its route in and through the City and the exact location of any facilities within the rights-of-way. L-1
2. The proposed project shall comply with the City's local ordinance requiring a rights-of-way Agreement for any facilities that are constructed in the ROW, and the project must comply with the time, place, and manner restrictions established in the agreement, including under grounding and relocation requirements. Given the limited space available to house various utility lines, the route selection will likely be based on the roadway capacity and the least amount of interference with any other uses. L-2
3. The proposed project shall comply with any and all reasonable construction and development standards required by the City. L-3

4. The type, location, and height of any proposed above ground structures is subject to the review and approval of the City Planning Department and subject to the City's Telecommunications Ordinance.

L-4

5. The proposed regenerator/OP-AMP stations (the 12x30 foot buildings discussed on page 5 of the NOP) will not be located within the rights-of-way. The location, construction, and operation of such facilities are subject to full compliance with all the City's land use and development ordinances, regulations, and standards.

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Additionally, we want to call your attention to a correction that will likely be mentioned by Riverside County. Table 4.9-2 states the Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) is solely concerned with Riverside Sage Scrub. It is our understanding that the MSHCP has many different habitat types included equally as important, such as Coastal Sage, riparian, vernal pools, close endemics, etc. Further, the Program EIR notes that the K-rat plan is in planning, when in reality, the K-rat plan has been adopted for many years.

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Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. Should you have additional questions, please contact Beth Groves at (909) 736-2375.

Sincerely,

  
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**L-1** As also discussed in response to Comment F-1, **Mitigation Measure LUP-1** addresses the potential for conflict by requiring Sempra Communications to comply with local, state and federal plans, policies and regulations. Compliance will be ensured through the implementation of a systematic process required for each subsequent activity.

**L-2** Comment noted with regard to the information provided on the City’s local ordinance requiring a right-of-way Agreement for any facilities that are constructed in the City’s right-of-way.

**L-3** Comment noted.

**L-4** Comment noted with regard to information on the City’s Telecommunication Ordinance requirements related to the type, location and height of any proposed above ground structures.

**L-5** Comment noted. We also refer the commentor to the response to Comment L-1.

**L-6** **Table 4.9-2** on page 4.9-20 of the DEIR indicates “Key Habitats” for Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plans for each county in the project area. The table was not designed to elude that the conservation plan for each county is solely concerned with the indicated key habitat.

The CPUC appreciates the City of Corona calling to our attention that the kangaroo rat plan has been adopted. **Table 4.9-2** will be revised to indicate the aforementioned change.